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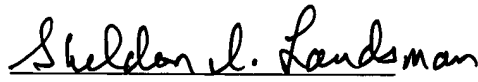
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from The Korean Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such document, together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the Korean Patent Office.

Further, the listed KR 1999-0044307 cited in the Korean Patent Office corresponds to WO 98/00365 which contains an English language abstract and corresponds to U.S. 6,153,679. Accordingly, applicants are enclosing copies of WO 98/00365 and U.S. 6,153,679 as further concise explanations of relevance for the listed KR 1999-0044307.

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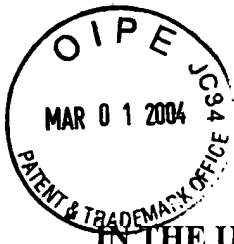
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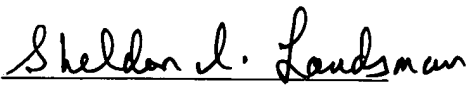
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